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TO: PATRICK OGAWA
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Attention: Agenda Preparation

FROM: JENNIFER A.D. LEHMAN *JADL*
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RE: N.A.M., et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. CV 14-4090.

Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board's recommendation in the above-referenced matter. Also attached is the Case Summary for the case.

It is requested that this recommendation and the Case Summary be placed on the Board of Supervisors' agenda of November 3, 2015.

JADL

Attachments

Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled N.A.M., et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al., United States District Court Case No. CV 14-4090 in the amount of \$700,000, and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department Contract Cities Trust Fund's budget.

This lawsuit concerns allegations of wrongful death and excessive force by Sheriff's Deputies.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	N.A.M., et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	CV14-04090
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	Claim filed March 13, 2014 Complaint filed May 28, 2014
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 700,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Brian T. Dunn, Esq. The Cochran Firm
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Jonathan McCaverty
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$700,000, the lawsuit filed by Aline Bilamdjian, Guardian Ad Litem of decedent Javier Mendez's two minor children, N.A.M. and N.O.M., and Misty Castro, Guardian Ad Litem of Mr. Mendez's other minor child, A.C., against the County of Los Angeles, and five Sheriff's Deputies alleging federal civil rights violations based on excessive force, and State-law

wrongful death and related claims stemming from the shooting of Mr. Mendez.

Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. Therefore, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$700,000 is recommended.

PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$	134,663
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$	58,871